राशि का अभ्यर्पण मुख्यत: कम्प्यूटर प्रणाली में व्यवधान की वजह से बिलों पर कार्रवाई करने में विलंब के कारण किया गया है ।

Telecast of Punjabi News from Jalandhar Doordarshan

819. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to State:

(a) whether it is a fact that Punjab Government have recently urged the Central Government to increase toe duration of time of telecast of Punjabi News from Jalandhar Door-darahan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY ' OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A request has been received from the Punjab Government for increase in the duration of the Punjabi News bulletin telecast from Jalandhar Kendra.

(c) Doordarshan Kendra, Jalandhar is already telecasting two news bulletins in Punjabi daily. The present duration of these bulletins is considered adequate.

Proposals for improvise programmes on Welfare Schemes

820. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the eelluloid media is an effective one, if so, what steps are being taken by Government to utilise the wide network of Telecast media for propagating the welfare schemes of Government to the masses; and

(b) what proposals Government have to improve Governmental or official programmes to make it more attractive and impressive?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) Doordarshan has been telecasting program. mes, in different Indian languages, from various Kendras on the Welfare schemes of the Government in an attractive and effective manner regularly and would continue to do so in the future also.

821. *(Transferred to the 21st July,* 1992).

High Power Committee on the Prasar Bharati Act

822. SHRI N. E. BALARAM;
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION . AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a high power committee headed by Additio nal Secretary has been studying the Prasar Bharati Act in order to make it foolproof;

'(b) if so, whether the Committee has completed its study; and

(c) if so, the recommendations made and Government's decision thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS); (a) No Committee is at present engaged on this specific subject.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Handing over Second National Network Channel to Multinational Firms etc.

823. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INFOR MATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several leading multinational Arms, NRIs and a host of established Indian private sector firms are vying for the proposed Rs. 3D00 crore second national network channel of Doordarshan;